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Notice of Public Workshop for a Review of Provisions to Incorporate a Middle Santa Ana River Bacterial Indicator Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will convene a public workshop to consider amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on June 24, 2005 at the following time and location:

DATE: June 24, 2005
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Loma Linda Council Chambers
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) the Regional Board has identified several waterbodies in the Middle Santa Ana River watershed as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. Waterbodies included on the 303(d) list of impaired waters include the Santa Ana River-Reach 3, Chino Creek-Reaches 1 and 2, Mill Creek (Prado Area), Cucamonga Creek-Reach 1 and Prado Park Lake. Impairment of these waterbodies is due to elevated levels of bacterial indicators.

To address the impairment, the Regional Board is required to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for bacterial indicators that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. Regional Board staff has prepared the draft Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Bacteria TMDL that was presented and discussed at a Regional Board workshop on February 3, 2005. Based on written comments received, the proposed Middle Santa Ana River Bacterial Indicator TMDL has been revised. The purpose of the June 24, 2005 is to receive testimony on the revised TMDL and Basin Plan amendment.

A staff report responding to comments received and reviewing revisions to the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be available no later than June 10, 2005. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after June 10, 2005. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The purpose of the public workshop is to receive testimony on the proposed Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Bacterial Indicator TMDL and Basin Plan amendment. No formal action will occur at the June 24, 2005 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of a proposed Basin Plan amendment will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the June 24, 2005 workshop. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Bill Rice at the address listed above or by e-mail at brice@waterboards.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Bill Rice at (951)782-4459. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than June 13, 2005.

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